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Dear Mark,

First, thank you for sending us the standards last week. I really appreciate it.

Second, I talked to the NSF program officer and inquired about collaborations with you. The answer was kind of expected - she said I could only put government collaborators if they are not receiving funding from MSF. For example, I can ask you to collaborate by providing samples and hosting my graduate students (and the students can be supported by the NSF grant, so the money is not going to EPA, but NSF does not need to provide travel funds because the NSF funds through UB will fund the students) -- so hopefully, you are willing to do this :-)

If so, could you please provide a letter of collaboration? The format is simple (see attached note from the NSF guide for proposal preparation), and I drafted a letter for you to make it easier for you. Feel free to modify the letter as you see fit, and kindly put it in your business letterhead and sign it.

Unfortunately, the deadline is October 31, so I am hoping you could send the letter to me tomorrow. I am still finalizing the proposal, but in case you are interested in seeing the draft before you provide the letter, I am also attaching it here.

Thank you again for your support and kind consideration

regards,

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